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Fly Tyers & Fishers*

# Broken Threads

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## FROM THE EDITOR

### Snow and Cold Weather Kick Starts the Tying Season!

Mother Nature has hit us with some winter weather a bit early this year. The up side is that the snow has brought out a few more faces to Wednesday night meetings. Unfortunately the early dump of snow and cold weather has put paid to most pond fishing. Muir Lake closes to fishing October 31 and streams will get treacherous as the ice and snow cover the banks.

That leaves the Red Deer, the Bow and the Crow as the most likely destinations for ice-free trout and whitefish. A few hardy souls have been out to Wabamun for Pike and I expect that this will keep up until the ice interferes. I understand there are a few "hard water" advocates in the crowd who can't wait for the 4" of ice to form. Happy drilling! Just make sure the ice is safe first!

The October 18<sup>th</sup> "Flies and Beer" outing at Santanas featuring Phil Rowley, was an outstanding success! Phil gave a superb presentation on stillwater patterns and techniques. Everyone there was captivated and learned a lot. We can't wait for Phil and Brian to do their thing in January. Our thanks go out to Phil and also to Mike Monteith (Doc) for arranging the event and for the nice discount on beer and wings. Thanks also to Lance Taylor for the audio-video equipment and expertise and to Michael Dell who kindly rearranged the TU meeting schedule to coincide. Doc says he will resume "Flies and Beer" in the spring. Lets make sure we support his efforts.

This month we start off with a free tie where you can tie, get some help on a specific technique, shoot the breeze or just pick a fishing topic and pick some veteran's brains. The second week features TU President Michael Dell demonstrating Norm's Nymph. The third week will feature Tyler Grabber with his first Club Demo. Week four features a presentation on a trip to Amythyst Lake by Tim Dorskosh. Come on out and get some great fishing information and share a few tall tales.

We have started getting the remainder of our events for the winter season sorted out. You can see a schedule on the next page of the newsletter. Details of each event will be posted to this newsletter and the web page as they develop. One event not noted is the Club Member Only Beginner Fly Tying Seminar. Information on that event will come as soon as we can arrange a suitable venue.

Remember our new location at The Central Lions Senior Citizens Center at 11113 - 113 Street, just off Kingsway near the City Center Airport.

*Dang the weatherman! Time to service the ice auger!!!*

*Dave Robinson*

## CLUB MEETINGS

**Regular Meetings and Tying Sessions:**

*Lions Senior Citizens Center*

Equipment and Materials:

The format is Informal Drop In

*Every Wednesday @ 7:00 p.m.*

*11113 - 113 Street*

Bring your own or use the Club loaners

Coffee served, plus a weekly 50/50 draw

## TROUT UNLIMITED NOTICES

Trout Unlimited Events: Next Meeting November 15<sup>th</sup> 2004, 7:30 PM at Lion's Senior's Centre (11113 - 113 Street). Hugh Norris, from Alberta Sustainable Resources Fisheries Management Branch (Room 1)

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## MEMBERSHIP

**Only \$20.00**

January to December

**Benefits Include:**

- Regular meetings and tying sessions
- Monthly newsletter
- Club event discounts
- Selected retailer discounts (with card)
- Access to club library
- Fellowship of like-minded fishers
- Tying and fishing "secrets"

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## MEETINGS

NOVEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup>

## FREE TIE

*Comments: This will be an opportunity to tie a few flies (pike flies?), for that last minute fishing, get some help on a specific technique, corner a member and pick his brains on a topic or just shoot the breeze.*

NOVEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup>

## PATTERN DEMONSTRATION

Tyer: *Michael Dell*Pattern: *Chocolate Nymph (Norm's All Purpose Nymph)*

Hook: Nymph, size #6 to #18  
 Thread: Olive or Brown 6/0 (8/0 for smaller sizes)  
 Bead: Gold Bead Head  
 Body: Chocolate Brown Seal Fur (or substitute)  
 Thorax: Peacock Herl

*Comments: Michael Dell will demonstrate an Edson area fisher's (Norm's) favorite nymph. Michael will also show how to blend a suitable substitute for seal fur.*

NOVEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>

## PATTERN DEMONSTRATION

Tyer: *Tyler Grabher*Pattern: *Foam Head Turk's Tarantula*

Hook: Mustad C53S (curved nymph) #8 to #14  
 Thread: Tan 6/0  
 Tail: Golden Pheasant Tippets  
 Body : Yellow dubbing, foam, yarn (poly or regular)  
 Under wing: Pearlescent Krystal Flash underneath white poly yarn or calf tail (optional)  
 Over wing: Natural Elk  
 Head: Tan foam strip 16mm cut to fit  
 Legs: White rubber hackle or sillilegs  
 Indicator: White foam, orange poly or egg yarn (optional)

Pattern: *Ty's May Impression*

Hook: Mustad 94840 standard dry #16 - #20  
 Thread: Brown 6/0  
 Tail: Dun micro fibbets  
 Butt: Brown antron dubbing  
 Abdomen: Stripped peacock quill  
 Hackle: Grizzly  
 Thorax: Brown antron dubbing  
 Wing: Any waterfowl feather tied "Wallywing" style  
 Head: Tying thread

Pattern: *CDC and Elk*

Hook: Mustad 94840 standard dry #10- #18  
 Thread: 6/0  
 Body: One olive and one natural (tan) cdc feather twisted into a dubbing rope  
 Wing: Natural Elk  
 Head: Remaining butts from wing

*Comments: This will be a Cutthroat Pattern Themed Evening All of the patterns to be demonstrated are successful and have been tested on the glorious Elk River in Fernie, BC.*

NOVEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>

## PROGRAM CORNER

Speaker: *Tim Dorskosh*Topic: *Amythyst Lake Trip*

*Comments: Tim will give a short presentation on his recent trip into Amythyst Lake in Jasper National Park in a quest for big brookies. No photos of saddle sores please Tim.*

## PHOTOS



Here's a couple of "good old boys" plotting a trip to somewhere.



A water boatman from the Red Deer River, courtesy Paul Fitt

## UPCOMING EVENTS

January 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>

Brian Chan and Phil Rowley Seminar  
 Grant McEwan Community College

March 17<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup>

Edmonton Sportsman's Show  
 Edmonton Northlands

March 21<sup>st</sup> to April 3<sup>rd</sup>

Outdoor Show  
 Mayfield Conference Center

## NEW LOCATION

